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In re Application of:  
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PETITION DECISION

This is in response to "PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP 708.03 XII" filed December 6, 2001. The petition is treated as filed under MPEP 708.02.

A review of the petition and application make it clear that the applicant has met the requirements of 37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP 708.02 XII.

The applicant and the examiner are reminded to review the special handling procedures of MPEP 708.02 VIII during the prosecution taking special note the use of interviews where appropriate and prompt consideration of amendments.

There is NO provision for "withdrawal" from this special status.

The petition is GRANTED.

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